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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the eligibility requirements for the essential air service program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MEUSER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Supporting Middle
5 America’s Airports Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE.**

7 Section 41731 of title 49, United States Code, is
8 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

2 (A) subparagraph (B) by inserting “and”

3 at the end; and

4 (B) by striking subparagraph (D);

5 (2) in subsection (c) by striking “Subpara-

6 graphs (B), (C), and (D) of subsection (a)(1)” and

7 inserting “Subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subsection

8 (a)(1) and subsection (g)”;

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(g) LIMITATION ON ELIGIBLE PLACES.—Beginning

11 on the day that is 3 years after the date of enactment

12 of this subsection, the Secretary may only provide com-

13 pensation to an air carrier under this subchapter for the

14 provision of essential air service to a place if, at any time

15 before such day, the place received essential air service

16 under this subchapter.”.